

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:22 p.m. by Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III;

Roll Call:

Commission: Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; Secretary, William McNamara and Associate Commissioner, Renee Dillard.

Absent: Commissioner, John Keshick III;

1 Vacant Position

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Fishery Biologist, Bill Parsons; Environmental Services Coordinator, Christina Coger

Absent: Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne

Public Comment: Opened 6:24 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:25 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary, to adopt the agenda as amended, Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of July 13, 2011.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2011, as corrected, Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the attendance for commission to attend the Land & Reservation meeting that was held on July 21, 2011 to receive stipend, mileage and per diem, Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

1 Natural Resource Director's Report – Douglas W. Craven, Director

- 2 • Explanation of the plan to move forward with cross deputize for LTBB
- 3 Conservation Officers. MOU agreement with the state has been drawn
- 4 and Douglas Craven will seek MDNR for support. Discussion and
- 5 clarification was offered concerning the history and process for this
- 6 action.
- 7 • Garden Island – The Land and Reservation still looking at asking that
- 8 the Cemetery be turned over to LTBB control.
- 9 • BIA meeting at Hinkley, MN will be attended by Douglas W. Craven in
- 10 August 8 – 11, 2011.
- 11 • Biodiesel Building – The bids were high due to the prevailing wage
- 12 issue, \$86,000.00 for a 30x20 storage building. Trying to find some
- 13 way to lower the Tribes standards of concerning prevailing wage
- 14 (Davis Bacon-Buy American Act)
- 15 • Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist Position – the position was reposted
- 16 and there were no applicants – discussion about hiring and promotion
- 17 of the position was discussed.
- 18 • Beaver Island – NRD and GIS staff will be going over to the Islands next
- 19 week to work on High Island taking 3 boats over and bringing back 1
- 20 boat.
- 21 • Rules and Regulations for 2012 need to be approved tonight by the
- 22 commission due to the timeline.

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24 **Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the**
25 **Natural Resource Directors Verbal Report as presented by Doug**
26 **Craven, NRD Director; Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner,**
27 **supports.**

28 **3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**
29 **Motion Carried**

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31 Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

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33 **Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the**
34 **Natural Resource Chief Conservation Officer Verbal Report as**
35 **presented by Kevin Willis, NRD Chief Conservation Officer; Renee**
36 **Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.**

37 **3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**
38 **Motion Carried**

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40 Great Lakes Biologist Report –

- 41 • Gun Safety classes is underway with 9 youth and 2 adults in
- 42 attendance for the class. Discussion about the State passing the no
- 43 age limit for hunting while supervised.
- 44 • Kevin Willis went to Bay Mills yesterday, explanation regarding the
- 45 Chairperson position of the Native American Fish and Wildlife society
- 46 has made him aware of possible grant opportunities for additional
- 47 training and development for the staff.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Natural Resource Conservation Officer Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer; Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.
3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Inland Biologist Report – William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist
Meetings/Conference Calls

- Completed Inland Fish & Wildlife Program 2nd Quarter Report
- Wolf de-listing comments sent to USFWS July 14, 2011
- Inter-tribal WALLEYE table 1 Conference Call – July 18, 2011
 - 5 Tribes participated: LRB, LTBB, GTB, SSM, BMIC + GLIFWC

Field Activities

- Reservation Tour of cultural/historical sites 7/15/2011
- Circle of Flight- Wild rice/loon checks on Lake Oneal (7/19), Wycamp Lake (7/21) and French Farm Lake (7/22)
- TWG Walleye Research
 - Archie/Bill/Max/Kevin –July 21, 2011 Tested new sonar unit on boom-shocking boat in Burt Lake
 - Max/Kevin travel to AFS walleye technical meeting/training in Iowa with MDNR fisheries staff & MSU graduate student

Monitoring

- Spirit Lake Staff Gauge
 - Checked on July 20 & 25, 2011

Inland Consent Decree Activities

- Tribal biologists participated in a conference call on July 18, 2011 to discuss proposed Table 1 changes with tribal biologists
- Discussed Little Manistee River Chinook Harvest limits with biologists. LRB fish biologist checked numbers and each tribe needs to notify MDNR of agreement on the 2011 calculations

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Grant Activities

- Bureau of Indian Affairs – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (BIA – GLRI) 2011 2nd quarter report was submitted to Bob Jackson on Tuesday July 19, 2011
- Biologists prepared and coordinated with MNFI/LTBB GIS for the next trip to Islands (July 30 – August 6)

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Natural Resource Inland Biologist Written and Verbal Report as presented by William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.
3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

1 **Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to accept the Little**
2 **Manistee River Chinook Salmon Harvest limits; Renee Dillard,**
3 **Associate Commissioner; supports.**

4 **3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

5 **Motion Carried**

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7 Environmental Services Report – Christina Coger, Environmental Services
8 Coordinator

- 9 • Air Quality Specialist position may not be filled since the grant deadline
10 for that position is March 2012.
- 11 • Looking into turbine packages waiting to see what to do for a game
12 plan according to funds available no available funds for training.
- 13 • Open Dumps Grants have been submitted for fiscal year October. Bill
14 Parsons mentioned that he witnessed an open dump on Beaver Island.
- 15 • Pharm Collection event is a quarterly event and Christina Coger will be
16 in attendance.
- 17 • Tip of the Mitt event will have drug recycling available along with
18 handout materials for 4 hours. Because of the pharmaceuticals certain
19 professional must be in attendance for the collection.
- 20 • Striving to work with facilities during events for recycling.
- 21 • Composting is doing great and may be ready to build another area for
22 composting.
- 23 • Drinking Water quality is going great working with facilities, getting
24 training qualifications for support staff.
- 25 • BIA Water Resources / Staff Mary Manydeeds spoke to Christina Coger
26 about the most successful grants of \$100,000.00. Smaller grants are
27 more successful (ground water only).
- 28 • Bay Harbor updates LTBB submitted a MOU to MDEQ in June. Bob
29 Wager was asked about progress. Reported that it is moving forward.
30 The 120 day period is almost over to utilize services. We wanted to be
31 involved in the process and as of now LTBB has been excluded. It was
32 between 2 parties, even though we have interest with our land. Doug
33 Craven explained it continues to be a disappointing situation.

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35 **Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the**
36 **Natural Resource Environmental Services Verbal Report as presented**
37 **by Christina Coger, Environmental Services Coordinator; Renee**
38 **Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.**

39 **3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

40 **Motion Carried**

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42 Commissioner's Report – William McNamara, Secretary

- 43 • William McNamara went to the Tribal Council meeting and reports they
44 are aware of the resolution at Waawaashkesh wild area.

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46 **Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the**
47 **Natural Resource Commissioner's Verbal Report as presented by**

William McNamara, Secretary; Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the 2012 Rules and Regulations.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Natural Resource 2012 Rules and Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory and LTBB Reservation Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Green Book Language submitted by Bay Mills; their version is written poorly and should not be on the agenda for the next CORA meeting since it was submitted without enough notice for tribal approval.

Discussion and review was held on the CORA meeting packet.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to request placement of the Inland Waterway Walleye estimates and future management on the CORA Executive Council agenda; Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to request placement of the Black Lake Sturgeon harvest on the CORA Executive Council agenda; Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 8:49 p.m. Kevin Willis explained that Rosanna Givens was the first dispatcher for the LTBB Police Department and her funeral was Tuesday and attended with formal police attire and honors. Public Comment closed at 8:50 p.m.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m., Renee Dillard, Associate Commissioner; supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on August 10, 2011.

Approved:

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William McNamara, Secretary

Date